



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Lyndon W. Graham et al.
Application No.: 09/977,410
Conf. No.: 4366
Filed On: October 15, 2001
For: ELECTROPLATING SYSTEM HAVING AUXILIARY
ELECTRODE EXTERIOR TO MAIN REACTOR CHAMBER
FOR CONTACT CLEANING OPERATIONS
Art Unit: 1742
Examiner: William T. Leader
Docket No.: 114183-10 (P97-0020US4)

PEITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants in the above-identified application request a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2005. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on March 1, 2006. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at June 1, 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), the \$1,020 fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due at this time. If the PTO determines that additional fees are due, applicants request that the undersigned attorney be contacted to make arrangements for payment of such fees.

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Respectfully submitted,



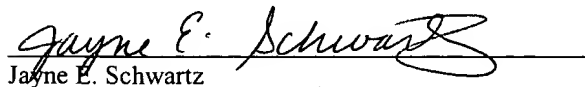
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